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20 April 1976

Mr. Fred Blanton
River Oaks Rotary
1665 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Thank you very much for your letter and kind words regarding my talk to the River Oaks Rotary. I am glad it was so well received.

I am sending you a couple of copies of the transcript of my speech for your retention.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA

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April 21, 1976

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Walters:

A few members of the (downtown) Rotary Club of Houston had the privilege of hearing you address the Rotary Club of River Oaks here in Houston a few weeks ago. All of these men with whom I have talked are most desirous that you repeat this address or one on related matters before our downtown group.

Our Club is composed of more than 850 business, professional, religious and governmental leaders in this dynamic and growing city. It is the largest service club in the world but more importantly, its membership comprises the heart of this community which is growing in national and international importance day by day.

Typical of the speakers we are able to attract to our rostrum are the following who have appeared during the last few months: Leon Jaworski, Special Watergate Prosecutor; Norman Cousins, Editor, Saturday Review; Oral Roberts, President, Oral Roberts University; Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British Ambassador to the United States; Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture.

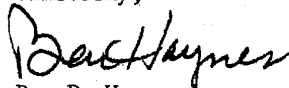
While we would be happy to welcome you at anytime, we are currently beginning to fill up dates for the quarter July through September, 1976, and can offer you your choice of almost any Thursday during that three month period. The Club meets at a major hotel each Thursday at 12:15 P.M. We are well acquainted with the Agency's local personnel (since I retired from that office in 1971 after serving in it since its founding in 1948) and would be happy to work through that office in making detailed arrangements.

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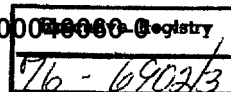
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I hope that you will not be concerned about possible over-exposure in the Houston area. I can assure you that there would be practically no overlap in the audiences that you have already spoken to in our community and the membership of our downtown Rotary group. I am looking forward to an early favorable response from you in which you will indicate one or more dates which will be convenient to your busy schedule. I am sure Director George Bush would recommend our rostrum highly for its excellent coverage of influential Houstonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben P. Haynes".

Ben P. Haynes
Program Chairman



March 29, 1976

Dear Tom,

I just wanted you to know that General Walters gave me your note. He is an outstanding, dedicated, unselfish officer and I'm glad that you were impressed with his comments on this embattled Agency.

It is always great to hear from you. Barbara and I treasure your friendship.

The new job is tough but fascinating, and I have that inner feeling of comfort that it is important to our survival as a free nation.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

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The Reverend Thomas W. Summers
St. John The Divine Episcopal Church
2450 River Oaks Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77019

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Rec. your Lt. Gen. Vernon A.
Walters presented you in an



St. John The Divine Episcopal Church
admiral way. A splendid speaker
and a friendly person. We miss

THE REV. THOMAS W. SUMNERS
RECTOR - EMERITUS

2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019
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You let us proud of our Nation

for having a family like yours
in such a strategic place in these
days. I hope some day you
will be our President.

Tom

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3 March 1976
4:00 p.m.

Telephone Conversation with Mr. Blanton of
Houston Rotary re DDCI speech on 23 March

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

3 March 1976

Mr. Fred T. Blanton
1665 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Enclosed is a biographic sketch
on LTG Vernon A. Walters as requested
by you in our telephone conversation
today.

General Walters is looking forward
to being with you and the River Oaks Rotary
Club on Tuesday, 23 March 1976.

Sincerely,



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20 April 1976

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Mrs. Alan M. Schanel
National President
American Legion Auxillary
777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mrs. Schanel:

Thank you for your letter of April reiterating your invitation for me to address the American Legion Auxillary National Convention even though I may be retired. I have put it on my calendar and I am looking forward to speaking before such a large and influential group of Americans.

At your request I am enclosing a biography, and a photograph and suggested introduction. I would appreciate receiving a program as soon as one becomes available. I will inform you of my travel plans and the expenses therefor as the date draws nearer.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

/s/ Vernon A. Walters

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USAF

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

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MRS. ALAN M. SCHANEL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
777 N. MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

April 7, 1976

Mr. Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General
USA Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Walters:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to speak at our National Convention in Seattle, Washington in August. It will make no difference if you decide to retire from your present position before our National Convention. I know the delegates to the Convention will be just as interested in what you will have to say.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send a biography, a glossy black and white picture and, if possible, a suggested introduction to me at your convenience.

As the time draws near, our National Headquarters will send you housing information along with any other information that you might find of interest.

Once again, thank you for accepting.

Sincerely,

DDCI [Signature]

Mrs. Alan M. Schanel
National President

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Headquarters

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26 March 1976

Mrs. Alan M. Schanel
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mrs. Schanel:

Many thanks for your kind letter and words concerning my talk in Boston, Virginia. I do indeed recall your invitation to be a speaker at your National Convention in Seattle and I would be most honored to talk to the delegates of the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is possible that I may retire before that date and you may want someone who will be in active government service at that time. I will understand this fully. If, however, you would wish me to speak under those conditions, I would be honored to do so. Please feel quite free to make the decision that seems best to you.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

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Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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MRS. ALAN M. SCHANEL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
777 N. MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

March 22, 1976

Lt. General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Lt. General Walters:

It was such a pleasure and honor for me to be among The American Legion group and to hear your inspiring talk given at the Freedom Studies Center in Boston, Virginia this past January.

If you will recall, I extended an invitation to you to be a guest speaker at our National Convention in Seattle, Washington. I would be so pleased if you would accept this invitation to be our keynote speaker at the Opening Session on Monday, August 23, 1976. I know what a tremendous impact and inspiration you could make on our 1500 delegates who will be representing the one million members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

We will be pleased to reimburse you for travel expenses and any other expenses incurred while attending our National Convention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. I shall be waiting eagerly for your reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alan M. Schanel
National President

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